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In re the Application of:

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Portal, Collaborative Applications, and  
a Directory Service

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**AMENDMENT**

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 2, 2006, please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** being on page 5 of the paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** of an Annotated Sheet and a Replacement Sheet begins after page 7 of this paper.